

IN HONOR OF FRANK H. BASS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a dear friend, Frank H. Bass from The Woodlands, TX who passed away after suffering a stroke on September 15, 2006. Mr. Bass was a true servant to society and left a lasting impression on all he encountered.

Frank was proud to call The Woodlands his home since 1985 where he served in numerous positions throughout public, private, and corporate sectors. Before this he graduated from Mercer University where he received his undergraduate and Doctorate degrees and served valiantly in the United States Navy.

After a lengthy career with Florida Power Corporation in St. Petersburg Florida, he came to Texas to serve as the Director of Legal Services for the Texas Municipal Power Agency. Following this, he served Montgomery County first as an Assistant County Attorney and then as the elected County Attorney for two 4-year terms.

In 2001, Mr. Bass was appointed Associate Judge to hear cases relative to Children's Protective Services in several Texas counties. Judge Bass was truly a natural on the bench and was renowned for his kindness, fairness, compassion, even handedness, and his intolerance for those who mistreated children.

Continuing in his serving nature, Judge Bass also served on the boards of The Woodlands Community Association and the Montgomery County Women's Center. Notably, he was also a founding member of the Town Center Improvement District.

Judge Bass was an active leader in many areas of the community and his leadership, service, and the example he set will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife of 29 years Diane, and their four grown children Mark, Jeff, Marcia, and Michele.

Mr. Speaker, Frank was a rare individual whom I will miss greatly. Thank you for helping me honor Judge Bass, one of the most kind-hearted individuals I know.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PHILLIP P. WHITE, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Chief Petty Officer Phillip P. White's retirement on September 1, 2006, from the U.S. Navy. Chief White proudly held the line among the brave sailors of the U.S. Navy for more than two decades.

On a daily basis he diligently worked for the betterment of the Florida Gulf Coast region. While an active duty sailor he participated in naval operations that assisted in locating and identifying numerous historic shipwrecks in the Pensacola Bay area. In the wake of the tragic hurricanes of last year, Chief White valiantly returned to active duty status to lend his brawn to the recovery effort.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my deep appreciation to Phillip Paul White for his service to Florida and our country. My best wishes on a happy retirement, and continued success, Chief.

CELEBRATING THE RIGHT EXCELLENT DR. MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to stand on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to Jamaica's favorite son and national hero, The Right Excellent Dr. Marcus Mosiah Garvey. Dr. Marcus Mosiah Garvey had "One God, One Aim, One Destiny" for his life. That venerable aim was the "Redemption of Africa." He was born in St. Ann's Bay, Saint Ann, Jamaica on August 17, 1887. Marcus Garvey was a publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, crusader for Black Nationalism, and founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League.

Garvey advanced proposals that were designed to promote social, political and economic freedom for Blacks, including launching the Black Star Line Corporation and its successor company, the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company. He was at the forefront of developing Liberia based upon the belief that Blacks should have a permanent homeland in Africa. Marcus Garvey asserted, "Our success educationally, industrially and politically is based upon the protection of a nation founded by ourselves. And the nation can be nowhere else but in Africa." Garvey was a deep believer in race improvement through self-empowerment which undercut the "Doctrine of Inferiority" that plagued the minds of Blacks throughout the Diaspora. The Garvey Movement was an emerging force that spoke to the pride of being Black and the richness of Black ancestry. Garvey sought respect for Africa and dignity for those dispersed from its shores.

Garvey furthered the paradigm of redemption and uplift of his race by establishing the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League in 1914 in Jamaica. Through the UNIA-ACL Garvey championed the cause of Africa and proclaimed that until Africa is free and redeemed, not only in name but dignity, no one would be free, Black or White. Garvey was a firm believer in the "Brotherhood of Man", that is to say, all of our destinies are inextricably linked together by the "Parenthood of God." Moreover, the Creator has a purpose for everyone that he has created and that purpose does not include slavery or subjugation for any circumstances.

Garvey held that dignity and self-esteem were the most powerful and only weapons against racism and white supremacy. Garvey stated, "the man or woman who has no confidence in self is an unfortunate being, and is really a misfit in creation. God Almighty created earth and every one of us for a place in the world, and for the least of us to think that we were created only to be what we are and not what we can make ourselves is to impute an improper motive to the Creator for creating

us." Garvey wanted every Black throughout the Diaspora to commit to self-awareness, confidence, conviction and action. Only then would Africa become free and the bonds of condemnation fall and shatter.

Marcus Garvey was a scholar, a leader and a statesman who gave his life to mother Africa and Black people. History records that Garvey attracted an unprecedented following, enjoyed by no previous Negro leader. Garvey sought to eradicate the evils that plagued Black existence. He believed that "Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people," but it will take measurable deliberate action toward the destiny that God has prepared.

In the 1920's, Marcus Garvey built the largest Black-led mass movement this country has ever seen. There was never a leader like him, before or since. In nearly all matters relating to the resurgence of African people, in this country and abroad, there is recognition of this man and his movement that seemed impossible in his lifetime. His prophesy has been fulfilled in the independence explosion that brought more than 30 African nations into being. The concept of Black Power that he advanced, using other terms, is now a reality in large areas of the world now governed by people of African origin. From the year of his arrival in the United States, in 1916, until his deportation in 1927, the community of Harlem, my home, was his window on the world. I am so proud that, from the work in my community he launched a great movement and became one of the most significant leaders of the 20th century.

Mr. Speaker, Jamaica's first national hero, the Right Excellent Marcus Garvey is honored in many ways throughout the world. If you visit New York City's Harlem neighborhood, you will find a park named after his Excellency. If you travel across the shores and visit Nairobi, Kenya, you can walk down a major street named after Marcus Garvey. If you should visit Lenton, Nottingham, you can drop in to the Marcus Garvey Centre. In Kingston the building housing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs bears his name, and in St. Ann there is a secondary school named after him. Marcus Garvey is celebrated and memorialized all across the world and now it is my pleasure to honor him now in the "People's House."

Mr. Speaker, on August 17th, people from all over the world will celebrate Marcus Garvey's birthday. We will celebrate him as a leader, a friend of Africa and a lover of Black people throughout the world. Even now, I can hear the reverberation of his words, "Up you mighty race, accomplish what you will."

CONGRATULATING AUDREY RUST FOR HER WORK AT THE PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Audrey Rust for her tireless efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the San Francisco Peninsula. For nearly twenty years, Audrey Rust has been the CEO of the Peninsula Open Space Trust, an organization that has been highly effective in protecting well over 55,000 acres of land in San Mateo and

Santa Clara Counties, California. I congratulate her for this great achievement, and I am proud that she resides in my congressional district.

The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) owes much of its great success to Ms. Rust's ability to create partnerships between public agencies and private landowners to bring significant tracts of land under permanent protection. Highlights of POST's work include securing the preservation of the 7,357-acre Cloverdale Coastal Ranches, the 3,681-acre Driscoll Ranch, the 1,623-acre Bair Island in Redwood City, and the 2,438-acre Rancho Cañada del Oro in San Jose. Also, POST played a significant role in the creation of Cowell Ranch State Beach. When it opened in 1995, it was the first state beach created in California since the early 1980s.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most impressive preservation efforts by Ms. Rust and POST was saving the Rancho Corral de Tierra from planned development. The 4,262-acre region contains awe-inspiring views, rich farmlands, important watersheds, miles of public trails, and diverse wildlife. Under Ms. Rust's leadership, POST was able to secure millions from private donors to purchase this beautiful land. Senator FEINSTEIN and I were inspired by the pristine grandeur of Rancho Corral de Tierra and introduced to include the ranch within the boundaries of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We were successful in that effort with the passage of Public Law 109-131 in this Congress.

Prior to her years of leadership at POST, Ms. Rust worked with the Sierra Club, and Yale and Stanford Universities. She has served on the boards of numerous local, state and national organizations, primarily in the fields of conservation and housing. Over the years, Ms. Rust has received several major awards, including the Times Mirror-Chevron National Conservationist of the Year Award, the League of California Voters Environmental Leadership Award, the Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal, the Garden Club of America's top environmental honor, and the Jacqueline Kennedy Award from JFK University for her achievements in land conservation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Audrey Rust for her integral role in preserving the natural landscape of one of our nation's most beautiful regions. I am inspired by Ms. Rust's dedication to maintaining the pristine beauty of the San Francisco Peninsula.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES
ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today the House considered House Resolution 994, to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Most of us were here in Washington on that fateful day, and after the attacks we knew our lives had

changed forever. Although I may not agree with every provision of this resolution, I voted for it to support our troops and to commemorate that tragic day.

House Resolution 994 is an effort to honor those thousands of innocent people who lost their lives that day as well as remember the bravery and sacrifice of the fire fighters, law enforcement officers and rescue personnel who worked feverishly to save them.

This resolution also recognizes the brave men and women of our armed services who responded with authority, precision and when needed, force, to root out the cowardly perpetrators and protect Americans and our interests both here and abroad.

Although we pause on September 11th to reflect and say thanks, on this day we must also renew our commitment to securing the homeland and protecting our values every day.

It is our responsibility to remove bureaucratic roadblocks and provide our Nation's first responders with the interoperable communications equipment they so sorely need.

We must seek the correct balance between securing our Nation and protecting the civil rights that serve as the basis of our enduring democracy.

And we must honor our commitment with continued support of our troops overseas.

It seems like only yesterday when this Nation joined together in recognition that the forces that divide us from one another can never overcome the transcendent unity we have as Americans.

Five years ago Members of Congress stood shoulder to shoulder on the step of this Capitol and pledged to work together to remember this day and honor the sacrifice of the fallen.

This is a pledge we should remember every day and not just once a year.

SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF ELIMI-
NATING SUFFERING AND DEATH
DUE TO CANCER BY THE YEAR
2015

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 210, to support the goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by 2015.

Cancer is one of the most dreaded diagnoses a person can get. Every one of us has been affected by cancer, whether personally or through the experience of a family member or loved one.

In fact, cancer affects one out of every two men and one out of every three women in this country. According to the American Cancer Society, 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed this year, with 1,500 Americans dying from cancer every single day.

While the statistics are still staggering, the promise of a cure is closer than we had ever imagined. Thanks to the commitment of the Federal Government and our research institutions, cancer rates declined by nearly 10 percent in the 1990s, and new treatments are being developed every day.

Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, the former Director of the National Cancer Institute, set a

goal for the country to eliminate suffering and death due to cancer by 2015. In my hometown of Houston, we were proud to have Dr. von Eschenbach serve at MD Anderson Cancer Center, one of the top cancer centers in the country in terms of both research and patient care. With all of his experience as a leader in the field of cancer research, if Dr. von Eschenbach thinks we can achieve this goal, I am confident that our hope for a cure is within reach.

I thank my colleague, Mr. SHAW, for introducing this important resolution and encourage my colleagues to join me in support of it.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL CUMMINGS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Cummings a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 312, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Daniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Cummings for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF ARMENIA'S INDEPEND-
ENCE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize the 15th anniversary of Armenia's independence. Armenia's independence was first recognized on September 21, 1991, marking it as one of the first nations to declare its independence from the former Soviet Union. Building upon the foundations of the first Armenian Republic of 1918, today's Armenian Government has, in the years since independence, strengthened democracy and the rule of law, promoted free-market reforms, and sought a just and lasting peace in the region.

Since declaring independence from the former Soviet Union, Armenia emerged from its Soviet-styled centrally planned economy, based on industry and highly dependent on outside resources, to an economy developing and relying on new sectors, such as precious stone processing and jewelry making, information and communication technology, and even tourism.

With its steady economic progress, Armenia has rightfully earned increasing support from